

Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 25, 2007

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California (Councilmember Lieberman attended via teleconference from InterContinental Harbor Court Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland)

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – 8:45 P.M. (Note: Special Redevelopment Agency Meetings held prior)

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Lieberman (via teleconference), Dickenson, Warden, Mathewson, Feierbach

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: City Manager Crist, Community Development Director de Melo, Police Chief Mattei, Finance Director Fil, Parks and Recreation Director Politzer, City Clerk Cook.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

General Plan Update and Resolution to Pursue General Plan Consultant Professional Services

Community Development Director de Melo stated that this proposed resolution is a companion item to the Redevelopment Agency discussion held just prior to this meeting. Approval of this resolution will initiate the General Plan Update process and will enable staff to begin work on land use, which will commence with the sites recently targeted for economic development. He noted that the State of California mandates an update of the housing element by 2009, and other elements of the General Plan will follow.

In response to Council questions, Community Development Director de Melo noted that outreach for the General Plan update will include the Visioning Committee from 2003, the Economic Development Subcommittee, neighborhood associations, business owners and their tenants. There will be a need to manage this discussion in order to move expeditiously through the process.

In response to questions regarding the housing element, Community Development Director de Melo commented that staff is working with the regional housing needs assessment group, and is still awaiting new numbers from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). He noted that no city in the region is producing its current goals due to land-use restrictions.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Mathewson, seconded by Councilmember Dickenson, Resolution 9849 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Dyett & Bhatia for technical assistance in association with the General Plan Update work program, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, was unanimously approved by a show of hands

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:55 P.M.

Terri Cook

Belmont City Clerk

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